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## Fines assessed by JEC

by Sharyn Wiza  
News Editor

Two former GW Student Association presidential candidates topped the Joint Elections Committee's recently released list of election fines: Angelo Bianco, with \$239 in fines, and Greg Blue, with \$223. Both said they would contest at least some of the fines levied.

"I'm not paying anything," Bianco said. "Any violations against me, (the JEC) did for spite."

"(JEC Chair Richard Stifel) and the whole JEC is just a barrel of monkeys. It is the most incompetent organization I have ever seen. (Stifel) got the event coordinated, but ... he had no control over the election process."

Bianco cited a \$16 banner violation as an example of "the JEC's spite."

"I had my banner hanging (on the Marvin Center H Street terrace)," he said. "A JEC member told me (because) it was hanging over posters, it was illegal. It originally read 'Bianco for President' and I cut it so it said 'Bianco.' So then (Stifel) came up, tore the banner down and shredded it in front of other candidates."

Blue said he would contest seven poster violations reported Feb. 21. The violations centered on whether he could hang posters in University classrooms, he said.

"There was a contradictory ruling (by the JEC). The initial ruling was



NEW GWUSA EVP-elect Jon Klee raises his hand in triumph. photo by Terry Cham

that we could hang (the posters), but then (Stifel) said it was illegal," Blue said.

Blue was also assessed a \$125 fine for failing to turn in his financial statement. "A financial statement has been submitted," he said, adding that he will be fined for turning the statement in late, but he did not expect the final fine to be the full \$125.

In addition, Blue pointed out some "discrepancies" in fining, citing as an example Bianco's \$16 illegal banner fine as compared to GWUSA President-elect John David Morris' \$8 illegal banner fine.

Stifel said Morris' fines were halved because he ticketed with former GWUSA executive vice presidential candidate Delaine Swenson, who will be paying the other half of Morris' fines. Section six of the JEC rules

provide that "fines will be assessed equally" for candidates running on a ticket who "confine their campaign material exclusively to joint campaign material."

"If that is correct that each candidate (who is ticketing) is assessed half the fine for each violation," Blue said, "then each candidate can have two times as many violations before reaching his limit. I doubt this is what the JEC meant to do."

Stifel said Morris' financial statement is still under consideration and that Morris has been "asked for some clarification" about expenses for a campaign event held in GW's University Club.

Candidates must pay their fines by April 7 in the Office of Campus Life, according to JEC rules.

## Klee wins EVP race with 54% of vote

by Patrice Sonberg  
Asst. News Editor

The GW Student Association elections came to a close last night as executive vice presidential candidate Jon Klee defeated Delaine Swenson in the runoff by a margin of 176 votes.

From a total voter turnout of 2,170, Klee received 1,173 votes (54 percent), while Swenson received 997 votes (46 percent).

"It was a long, hard campaign ... even in a runoff, victory is just as sweet," Klee said. "I was happy with the support I received all over campus and the results show that I stand for a united GW."

Swenson attributed his loss to the low turnout of his supporters, saying, "a lot of (them) didn't get back to the polls." He said he does not have any specific plans for his involvement in GWUSA next year. "I imagine I will have a position (in GWUSA next year)," he said.

"I was very glad to see there was such a large international and graduate turnout," Swenson said. "Their involvement in the process means that in the future they shouldn't be ignored ... they are a political force to be reckoned with on this campus."

GW's Joint Elections Committee Chairman Richard Stifel said he was "very pleased with the turnout, considering ... the abysmal weather, the fact that this was a runoff race and that people usually don't turn out here for elections anyway."

"I want to congratulate both of the

candidates," he said. "The runoff was not nearly as mean-spirited as the campaign."

Although Swenson lost the race, his former running mate, GWUSA President-elect John David Morris, said he still supported Swenson fully.

"Swenson is one of the finest leaders I've ever had the opportunity to work with," Morris said. "If I have anything to do with it, he will be a big part of (GWUSA) next year. His knowledge and experience are too valuable to all the students of GW."

Klee said he does not anticipate any problems working with Morris. "I'm very happy I have the opportunity to work with (Morris) next year," he said.

"I think (Klee) is an enthusiastic leader and I think we'll be able to work very well together," Morris said.

Klee said he wants to speak with every GWUSA senator after Spring break to review his plans for next year. His main goals, he said, are to follow through with the implementation of bills and to make the Senate a more visible body by letting students know who their senators are.

Unlike last week's election, the runoff was conducted by paper ballots, which were collected yesterday and Tuesday.

The ballots were quicker to count because there were only two candidates, Stifel said. "Voting went quicker because paper doesn't break down, it doesn't jam (and) it's not confusing."

## Students back workers in dispute

by Chris McGinn  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Ongoing negotiations between the GW cafeteria workers' union—Local 32—and Marriott are faltering and students are mobilizing to support the workers.

The negotiations for the cafeteria workers' contract, which expires March 23, are the first with Marriott since the company replaced Saga food service more than a year ago, and they center on the issue of health insurance. Marriott, according to Local 32 President Minor Christian, "wants to reopen the contract" while altering the health care package.

Any change in the health program "has to be in conjunction with (discussion of) wages," he said. Local 32 "wants to talk about the whole economic impact on its members."

"This is the first time we've gone this far without the company addressing our proposals," Christian said of the current status of negotiations.

"Strike is certainly one of the options that the union is considering," he said.

Marriott representatives could not be reached for comment on the issue.

A group of students from various campus groups met with representatives of the union Monday in the Marvin Center. Approximately 25 students attended the meeting, representing the Black Peoples Union, GW Community Action Network, College Democrats, Latin American Student Association, Thurston Hall Council, the Lesbian and Gay Peoples Alliance and the Progressive Student Union.

Local 32 representative Kevin Kline told the students about the population of the cafeteria workforce—more than 75 percent women, 70 percent black 27 percent Hispanic. "All but a few of our members work only eight months of every year," he said, adding that the average annual salary is \$11,000. During school vacations, he said, workers must pay almost \$100 per month to keep their individual health insurance.

Chris Halverson, a PSU leader, said he was impressed by the diversity of student support. "I'm very happy that students are getting together across political lines addressing this human issue," he said. The PSU was also inviting cafeteria workers to tonight's showing of *Norma Rae*, a film about

labor issues.

Dean Lubnick, co-coordinator of GW-CAN, said he was encouraged by what he felt was student solidarity with the workers. "We are here at the University so we can go out and operate our careers on a level playing field," he said. "As it is now, cafeteria workers are not on a level playing field ... because Marriott, who owns the stadium, also writes the rule book."

Students, in conjunction with Local 32, are planning a rally to be held on March 21 to show support for the cafeteria workers.

At a meeting of GW cafeteria workers and Local 32 representatives Tuesday at the Local 32 office, GW workers commented on student support. James Drummond, who works at Thurston Hall, said, "the students are supporting us. Whatever we're going to do, they're behind us."

Marriott was involved in a prior labor dispute last Fall at Georgetown's Law Center, when cafeteria workers there were laid off after Marriott replaced Guest Services Inc. GW cafeteria workers were actively involved in that dispute.

### Executive Vice President Run-off Results

Candidate	Votes	Percent
<b>Jon Klee</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Delaine Swenson</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>46%</b>

Wrestling, badminton programs cancelled by athletic department in effort to 'beef up' A-10 teams

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ABORTION RIGHTS ACTIVIST Eleanor Smeal.

## Abortion under attack

by Kristi Messner  
News Editor

Approximately 300 students packed into Fungler Hall Monday to hear a discussion of the issue of abortion and family planning rights with Eleanor Smeal, founder and president of The Fund for a Feminist Majority.

Smeal described a recent case before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*, as one in which the state law is attempting to limit speech as well as action. "Essentially," she said, "if it is ruled constitutional, it would either reverse *Roe v. Wade* or chip away at the position of abortion in this country."

"This is an issue," Smeal said, "that affects your generation more than mine ... it's not only ironic that it's an issue that not many women get to decide, but it's even more ironic that even fewer young people get to decide."

Smeal summed up the issue of abortion as one "embroiled in politics," which causes the continual controversy on "not only the issue of abortion but birth control itself."

"Here we are (in) 1989, and we are about to have yet another court ... decide whether or not a young woman ... can have the means to control her own life and can have indeed the benefits of modern medicine," she said.

"Let's be blunt about it, the issue of abortion and birth control involves sex and I'm sick to death of acting like women are the only ones interested in it," Smeal said.

Making a plea to those who strongly oppose abortion, Smeal asked them to think in terms of people's right to decide whether to exercise abortion or birth control. "If we're to be a country where you can really speak out and say

your mind," she said, "then we have to be a country that allows people to exercise different beliefs in this most fundamental area of fertility control."

One audience member questioned the equal productive rights of men who say they should have a voice in their mate's abortion decision. In response, Smeal cited the *Kline* case, in which a local Right to Life organization fought against the father's decision rights by filing to be guardians of both a mother in a coma and her fetus. "(The pro-lifers) only cared about their own beliefs," she said.

GW student Eric Brandt asked why there are more women willing to choose abortion rather than adoption. "Obviously some women are willing to give birth to their baby and give it up for adoption," Smeal responded, "but not all women are willing to take the chance in doing that ... what they're seeing it as is postponing a birth until another time."

Another student presented the question of whether or not the fetus is "a part of the body (or) a separate human being."

"If they didn't need the woman, they wouldn't use her," Smeal said. "There wouldn't be an issue if you weren't asking a woman to do something."

She discussed at length the history of abortion rights and the role the evolution and refinement of oral contraceptives has played in the development of family planning practices in this country.

"This didn't just happen that the Supreme Court suddenly decided out of the clear blue to switch this precedent—it was years and years in the coming, through a change in the medical field, sexual practices, ... community needs (and) in the laws of birth control."

## Smeal—the woman and activist

### Abortion rights advocate devotes life to the pro-choice battle

by Kristi Messner  
News Editor

As members of the so-called "Me" generation, most students' understanding of the civil rights movements of the 60s and 70s has been limited to what is read in textbooks, heard in countless hours of Beatles music or glimpsed in newsreels or late night movies about rebellious long-haired youths.

Even further removed from reality are our impressions of what the leaders of such movements were like and what could prompt a person to devote a major part of their adult life to such a cause.

That's why I was surprised when talking to Eleanor Smeal, the nationally recognized women's rights advocate and founder and president of The Fund for the Feminist Majority. Critics have called her a radical, but I found a mother of two, whose purposes can be described best by her own words.

"It sounds very corny," she said, "but (Charlie, her husband and full-time supporter) and I wanted to leave the world a better place for the next generation, for our own children ... (and) we are grateful that we were in the right place at the right time that we could do something."

Smeal is currently working on a nationwide campus campaign, speaking on women's rights and the issue of abortion, to promote an April 9 pro-choice march that will be held near the U.S. Capitol. This campaign is only one of many for which she has

worked since she became actively involved in the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1970.

Since then, Smeal has served in committees and organizations at local, state and national levels and as a two-year president of NOW before founding The Fund, which promotes equality for both women and minorities.

She has worked to support issues ranging from the integration of Little League to the elimination of segregated "Help Wanted" ads to legislative works, such as helping to pass the Pregnancy Disability Act, which allows for many working women who are pregnant to receive disability pay.

After all the years of working for equal rights, Smeal said she has some complaints. "What upsets you is that as hard as you work, the change has been too slow," she said.

Smeal said college campuses are now more supportive than at any other time since she started talking about women's rights in 1970. "They've been more supportive than my generation or the generation before," she said.

"I know that they keep writing that 'Oh, those were the grand old days,'" Smeal added, "but it was a brand new thing then ... (and) you had to fight for the concept. (Today) you don't have to defend the ideas, you basically are at a 'What can I do?' stage."

The movement's biggest problem, she said, is "thinking of modern ways of organizing, because people don't have the time they used to. We have

far more support (than pro-lifers) and ... (people) do support us, they just don't know how to do it in their limited time."

According to Smeal, there will be thousands of people marching in the District of Columbia in support of pro-choice on April 9. She said the march will signify an "intensity measure" of pro-choice support.

"It (the march) brings to life the polls ... people can see the support levels," she said.

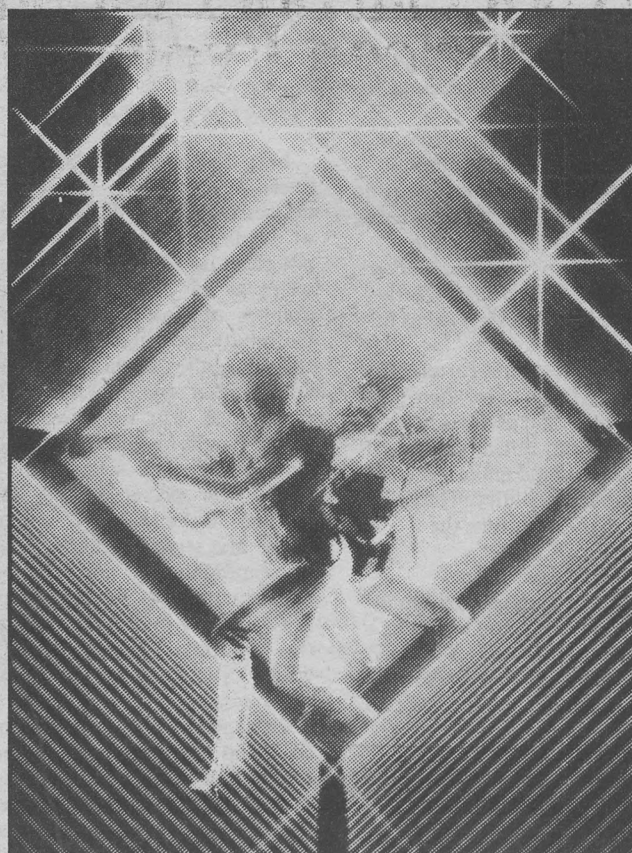
Smeal added, however, that the march will do more than merely draw attention to the large amount of pro-choice support. "(The march will) caution the court and Congress, the decision-makers, that it's not going to be so easy to reverse (*Roe v. Wade*)," she said.

"We know that teenage and adult practices have changed ... and you can't turn the clock back," Smeal added. "We should be using our knowledge and technology ... and yet we are fearful and holding on to the past."

"If you're with this, you have a responsibility to be there," she said. "Don't cry afterward if some young woman dies for no good reason."

Pro-lifers do not have as much or as widespread support as pro-choice groups do, Smeal said. "(Pro-life) hardcore support is about 25 percent. It is definitely a minority."

"People have made up their mind," she said. "They want control of their life, and they want to decide how many children they have."



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## Editorials

### SOS: save our sports

In a move that left an entire constituency of the GW community "in the dark," the GW athletic department decided to cancel the badminton and wrestling programs.

GW's grapplers, under the direction of head coach Jim Rota, finished 12-11-1 this year and are sending a wrestler to the nationals. Rota, now completing his 12th year at GW, set a school record for most wins in a season (16) in 1987-88 and has sent six team members to the nationals in the last eight years. The badminton team is now ranked third in the nation. Cancellation of the program hardly seems an appropriate reward for the players who have represented this University so successfully.

Wrestlers will be able to keep their scholarships, but that is little consolation to Karl Tamai and Sean Huyer, both in their junior years, who had winning seasons and bright futures. If they want to wrestle anymore, it won't be for the Colonials.

The move is part of a reorganization of the department that will include adding a cross country team in 1990-91. But whose priorities are these, and what's their justification?

The rug has been pulled out from under people who were counting on representing GW as winners next season. The timing of the decision and the way it was made are inexcusable.

As Joe Mannix prepares for the National Championships, he now knows that no one will follow him. The decision was made two weeks ago, without consulting players, coaches or any students.

This move is evidently an attempt to devote more resources to the teams which compete in the Atlantic 10 conference, specifically, one might presume, the men's basketball team. But is money really the problem here? Reducing the number of varsity teams at GW in hopes of improving a few is a fool's solution.

Every year we watch as we pay more and get less. For a 10-20 percent tuition hike, you might expect to see the GW experience improve. Instead, it continues to be cut back. In the context of such an atmosphere, high level administrators can scarcely expect to attract more students to this University. Their talk of making GW the best seems hopelessly empty. And even if their intentions are good, their methods leave much to be desired.

### Vote for election reform

In spite of the gains made during this year's campaign, chief among these being a very high turnout, some of the same old complaints about litter and a lack of issues have surfaced once again. It's time for a big change in the way we run elections for the sake of next year's voters and candidates.

One of our chief concerns is the mess created by posters and the enormous costs that they introduce into the campaign. If the central problem with the campaign is the lack of any discussion of meaningful issues, then the posters do nothing to change this. We recommend that, as some have suggested, posterage be limited to one sign per area. This would not only drastically reduce the amount of litter around our campus, but would also free up campaign workers, who in past years have spent countless hours posterage, to direct their efforts toward more meaningful pursuits. And it would save candidates hundreds of dollars.

Our second observation concerns the Joint Election Committee forum. The forum, which takes place before most people on campus even know there's an election going on, would be far more effective as a finale than as a kickoff.

The candidates bear chief responsibility for this year's so-called "dirty campaign." The rules may be vague but the candidates should make a greater effort to adhere to the spirit, not just the letter, of the JEC's policy. The rules can, and should, be written much more clearly, but in the meantime the candidates must be held responsible.

Finally, greater enforcement of the rules is needed. If these reforms necessitate a larger budget for the JEC, then so be it. The campus elections in many ways set the tone for the year to come. A good clean election would be a priceless investment.

The campaigns are over, but they won't be forgotten. Meaningful reform should take place now, before the politics of next year's election gets in the way.

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## Letters to the editor

### Kuester must go ...

It was the icing on the cake. In the search for recognition GW finally received national attention. The George Washington Colonials, our beloved basketball team, finished the season at 1-27, and set the NCAA mark for the most losses by a basketball team in a single season.

As a student and fan, I cannot sit idly by and watch my tuition money go to waste. There is no doubting what a strong basketball program can do to boost a university from mediocrity to excellence. I cite, as examples, Georgetown University and Duke University. Why then do we as students wait season after season for the heralded turn-around season which never seems to come to fruition?

Let's face reality. The fans are ready. We need a winning basketball team, (and a new floor isn't going to be enough). Why is Coach John Kuester so hard to let go? This basketball team needs a change. What do these players, most of them freshmen, have to look forward to next year? It is very difficult to get players motivated after they have had so many losing games (and seasons). A new coach would be a welcome change for these players and the fans. It is well known that when a team is losing as consistently as the Colonials, replacing the coach is often a very effective tactic. It is not that the new coach will be better or worse than the last but he

will at least bring a new attitude to a program that has only one thing on its mind: losing.

I urge the GW administration and athletics staff to consider the students and our school. The fans have finally

come out. We are ready to see our Colonials win. Please get a new coach. We, the students and fans, need and deserve a change.

-Paul Mamalian

### ... but Atwater should stay

Despite all the bumbblings of the Democratic campaign in 1988, all anyone can latch on to in attacking the 1988 campaign is Willie Horton.

The GW Hatchet, like the students at Howard, is making the mistake of believing what they read in the newspapers. They attack the use of Willie Horton, the convicted rapist who, while on furlough from a Massachusetts prison, attacked a Maryland couple, as a campaign issue. They, like many of the people who believe Dukakis ran an effective campaign, cannot seem to relate to crime as an important issue to many Americans. I would think that living in the District would change many people's attitudes toward soft-pedaling to criminals.

OK, there are those who are saying crime is not the issue. It is the blatant racism by the Bush campaign when they used a picture of a menacing, villainous Willie Horton, which some

claim was a ploy to play on white fear of black crime. Here is where the Hatchet and the students at Howard are incorrect. The fact is that the television ad that contained Horton's picture was not a Bush campaign ad. It was produced by an independent expenditure campaign which, by law, cannot have any contact with the Bush/Quayle campaign.

More important than the origin of the ad was the origin of the committee that sponsored it. The ad was produced by a campaign formed against Dukakis by the family terrorized by Willie Horton. They don't care what color Willie Horton is. They want to be safe in their homes. The Hatchet and Atwater's critics at Howard may have had trouble understanding this because they seem deaf to the type of people who are worried about the Willie Hortons of the world. They are called victims.

-David Parker

### The final word on elections. Really.

#### Posters et al.

Now that the GWUSA election is over, we can begin to clean up the masses of posters that litter the walls of our illustrious institution. But why not clean up for future elections while we're at it? I propose we limit the number of posters allowed on each University building. Each candidate should be allowed one poster per area, as specified by the Joint Elections Committee. For example, each candidate would be allowed one poster in front of the law school and one in back. One poster at the H street entrance to the Marvin Center and one at the 21st street entrance. One poster per candidate per area, period. The details could be worked out by the JEC, but we must take action to rid this campus of its annual "trash week." It's ugly, ineffective and it's embarrassing to the University.

This plan would reduce campaign costs and probably increase awareness and sympathy for the election. Some would counter my argument by asserting we need the mass wall-papering to advertise the election itself. This may be true under the present JEC rules, but why should the candidates pay for the costs of advertising the election. Candidates have to spend hundreds of dollars to run a competitive campaign which immediately excludes those students who cannot afford to spend \$500 on posters. Advertising the election is not the responsibility of the candidates, it is the responsibility of the Joint Elections Committee.

-Micheal S. Pollok

#### Representation

The past two weeks have been filled with every kind of comment about the recent elections. Some people are very active in the campaign scene, others want to remain totally uninvolved. As a first year student, I have found the election experience an awesome and entertaining one.

My first observation is how few people really care about the elections at all. The turnout at the forums was, in my opinion, quite pitiful. I have talked with people who claim to be uninterested because they aren't aware of the issues, yet they didn't take advantage of the opportunity to hear the candidates state their positions. The apathy is quite reminiscent of the national elections. We are here, in the most political field, and yet the number of interested people remains infinitely small. This is the government of our microcosm—it should mean as much to us as the governing of our country!

Not all my observations about the election/campaign are negative, however. Quite frequently in the past couple of weeks I heard people complaining about the posters—how uninformative they are, how unattractive they are and about all the money that has gone into them. All the former may have some validity; they (the posters) do, however, have their merits. Posters do give us some indication that a candidate is honestly pursuing an office. If a candidate does

not hang any new posters after the first day, a constituent should question

whether or not that candidate is seriously pursuing the office.

Moreover, I feel that working with the candidates or an organization provides an excellent way to meet some new people as well as have some fun. I can say that I personally was amazed at how seriously most of the can-

didates took their campaigning and how far the campaigning goes. Furthermore, all the posters, buttons and other paraphernalia demonstrate that there is school spirit—one of the issues with which many of the can-

didates are concerned. Election time can be a time of great unity—we are how the posters look, where they are and how people react to them. To me this is a show of school spirit—if we didn't have spirit, these things wouldn't matter to us.

I'll grant you that four or five people knocking on your door within a matter of two hours can be extremely tiresome. Having palm cards shoved in your face after you've voted can be

extremely aggravating. All in all, however, it's important for us to remember that our campus elections are not without merit. We certainly wouldn't want to be without student representation and the sacrifice of a week and a half is certainly worth this acquisition.

-Michelle Pahn

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# Opinion

## Three views on abortion: Who speaks for the unborn?

As the abortion issue heats up again, the predictable deluge of liberal editorial articles has begun. Elaine Belansky and Mary Beth Hastings writing about feminism and the so-called right to an abortion ("Are women's choices safe? Abortion is key to feminism," March 6, The GW Hatchet), is the latest example.

In this particular instance our lady friends describe an example of how they view modern courtship. Amazingly, in just six sentences in their opening paragraph they manage to describe the act of a couple meeting for the first time, socializing for the evening and, of course, having much looked forward to sex. The account is related to us in a matter-of-fact tone, conveying the idea that the authors believe this is the manner in which typical relationships operate, or that is how they should operate. Indeed, it is probably an accurate description for a large percentage of the population, especially for college-aged persons.

What does the description show us, though? Quite clearly it shows two people involved with one another merely for sexual gratification. Absent are any true feelings of love. Absent are any moral compunctions regarding casual sex. And, of course, absent is any concern for the unborn child that, in this example, is conceived. The

dilemma for Belansky and Hastings is what to do about the unwanted pregnancy.

Happily, they arrive at a solution. Wonder what it could be, don't you? Yep, "rip the little bastard out! You're not gonna make me take on the responsibility of caring for a child." Actually, an attempt is made by pro-choice advocates these days to portray a woman's decision about getting an abortion to be an agonizing, traumatic experience. So we should be kind and compassionate to her after she's decided to have her kid murdered. Also, we should understand that those people in a lower socio-economic class may not be able to afford a child and should have the right to abort it.

But these arguments are irrelevant to the living and growing child. It is not at fault for not being loved. Neither is it at fault for not having a wealthy, well-to-do mother. So, do we deprive it of life? Do these same liberals suggest we "abort" the homeless people of this nation because they are poor and have no family support? The ultimate irony is the fact that liberals, who allegedly champion the cause of freedom of speech, do not defend the child's right to be heard. Who speaks for the child? Not the ACLU. And not Belansky or Hastings either.

The other night feminist goddess Eleanor Smeal was on campus to

give a speech on abortion. One shudders to think of the number of people who have been brainwashed and inculcated with her view of social issues. Let us hope that after she exhorted as to why abortion and all of the other "gains" women have reaped from the Sexual Revolution are just so peachy, she also told of the other ramifications as well. Namely, the killing of millions of unborn children, sexual promiscuity, the AIDS disease, rampant pornography and increased rights for homosexuals.

It is clear that the solution to today's problems regarding many social issues, especially sexual ones, is to instill higher moral standards to our future generation, starting at the grade school level. Not by handing out condoms, not by spending billions on sex education programs and not by abortion. Traditional Judeo-Christian values must be uplifted and reinforced.

Concerning abortion, the Bible itself makes reference on numerous occasions to the fact that life begins at conception. But, hey man, religion ain't the most cool subject to bring up, right, dude? But pro-life advocates around the nation emphasize these very important points as they oppose abortion and make no apologies if it offends those who don't believe in: (pick one) God/religion/ sanctity of human life/morality/ anything at all.

-Robert S. Bailey

## About our resources

As the director of one of the several departments cast in an undesirable light by the opinion column, "Welcome to the real world: GW's allocation of resources," (March 2, The GW Hatchet) I feel obliged to respond.

In the article, Mr. Michael Burwick points out the "idiocy" of not having a printer for Apple Macintosh computers. The fact is the Computer Information and Resource Center, which has no equipment budget of its own, acquired the loan of an Apple ImageWriter printer (a \$1,500 item) from Apple Computer Corp. during the Fall semester. This printer resides in the Student Word Processing Center in the Marvin Center and is available to all students. More recently, CIRC has received yet another loan of an Apple laser printer (a \$5,000 item). This printer will be placed in the Academic Center for use by students who have paid the student computer fee. Mr. Burwick's statement that the "man who ran the computer center" sent a printer back to the manufacturer because it was too expensive sounds ridiculous. I do not know who might have made this false statement to Mr. Burwick.

Reading Mr. Burwick's article, one could get the impression that virtually no attention is given to academic computing. The truth is that some 10,000 students use either the Academ-

ic Mainframe computer, one of 35 terminals, 70 IBM PS/2s or 20 IBM PCs every year. Students print over 2.6 million pages a year on the mainframe printers alone. Hundreds of thousands more pages of student work are printed on the six other laser printers maintained by CIRC and the University Computer Center. CIRC staff provide over 60,000 consultations related to computing a year to students and faculty, and this is with a staff not even the size of equivalent consulting groups in other institutions.

Mr. Burwick's frustrations seem to arise from a very real shortage of new computer equipment over the past two years. The Advisory Council on Academic Computing is working on a plan which would establish a Macintosh lab during the 1989-90 academic year and another IBM lab the following year.

As an aside, Mr. Burwick's admission that he "copied some word processing software from a friend" is an embarrassment to the entire community, as software piracy runs counter to University policy, contained in CIRC's widely-distributed statement on computing ethics. We do not want to be viewed by students and faculty of other institutions as a bunch of software thieves.

-Donald E. Rickert, Jr.

-Director, Computer Information and Resource Center/User Service

## Midshipmen aren't hazed

I have never written to the Hatchet before, but the letter by Christopher C. Treston "Tired and ridiculed but never hazed," (March 6, The GW Hatchet) has compelled me to do so now. While I believe Mr. Treston's intention was somewhat different, he has brought up some misconceptions and confusion about certain aspects of GW life.

Specifically, I take offense to Mr. Treston's "colorful example" of hazing through comparison to the NROTC program. Not only are his characterizations pure fantasy, but they are offensive as well. Members of NROTC—properly referred to as midshipmen—are not "four year pledges to the government," they are dedicated men and women who have sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution. They are not blind followers but individuals who are proud of their nation and are training to defend her and lead others in that task. Midshipmen take great pride in what they are and what they do and serve in the program out of free choice. No one is forced into NROTC.

The Navy does not conduct line-ups. The training consists primarily of lectures, marching and individual physical conditioning, not of the kind of harsh inspections Mr. Treston portrays. True, inspections are a part of the program, but are usually conducted by senior midshipmen, not lieutenants, and are designed to point out, in a constructive manner, the strengths and weaknesses of each midshipman. Screaming and abuse,

verbal or otherwise, play no part in the training. To clear up other misperceptions: 1) No training is ever conducted in "dress whites," they are for special occasions only, and; 2) Dress whites would never have "small black threads clinging to them." That is why they are called whites.

No, Mr. Treston, midshipmen do not receive ridicule. They do not humiliate one another. They do not pledge the government, they serve it to protect the rights of others. I am a proud member of a campus fraternity; I was also an assistant pledgemaister and know full well all the guidelines of what constitutes hazing. I understand your point, but believe that you should only use examples to which you can claim to have some knowledge. If you are proud of having been ridiculed then congratulations, but do not attempt to apply your experiences to those of others.

Midshipmen are proud of their country, proud of their program (incidentally, ranked one of the best in the nation), and proud of those with whom they serve and train. The Navy and Marine Corps are based on tradition and respect, never ridicule or hazing.

Now that you are no longer a pledge, Mr. Treston, you can go to sleep at night safe in the knowledge that every midshipman is proud to defend your right to wake up and write another letter any time you want. Perhaps out of respect to them your next one will choose better examples.

-Jason Rabbino

## Who speaks for contraception?

I agree with Elaine Belansky and Mary Beth Hastings that every woman should have the right to a safe and legal abortion ("Are women's choices safe? Abortion is key to feminism," March 6, The GW Hatchet), but I wish they had chosen a better example than a casual pickup in "the local bar" to illustrate the cause of an unplanned pregnancy.

If Belansky and Hastings are trying to persuade persons still undecided on the abortion issue, they ought to be aware that many of those persons have little sympathy for women whose pregnancies resulted from sexual intercourse with someone they happen to have been sitting next to in a bar, even if it is "Jim, the guy you've been waiting to meet for the past semester."

The fact is that sexual intercourse with a casual pickup can be dangerous. It may result in a variety of sexually transmitted diseases. It is also the surest way to become pregnant. The anti-abortionists know this. The pro-choice advocates would be wise to spread

the word.

Sexual intercourse can be made less risky. My own preference is to have both persons be responsible for one type of contraception, such as using a diaphragm (with spermicidal jelly) and a condom. And keep in mind that coitus is not the only possible form of sexual

intercourse.

"Abortion is never an easy personal decision," Belansky and Hastings assert. I agree and would only add that with some intelligence and caution it is possible to reduce the odds of ever having to face that kind of decision.

-J.I. Doyle

## Who speaks for women?

On March 6, Eleanor Smeal, President of the Fund for Feminist Majority gave a lecture entitled "Abortion Rights Under Attack." Present in the audience were various students affiliated with the "pro-life" movement. They oppose the present legality of abortion because of the fetus' right to life. Does that mean that because I support a woman's fundamental right to choose I am pro-death? I hardly think so.

In fact, I find it rather ironic that these people can equate themselves with a movement supposedly supporting life when they seek to overturn Roe v. Wade. By doing

this thousands of girls and women would die in illegal and unsafe abortions. These same few people assert that the fetus is worthy of constitutional rights and protections. To that, I ask, do they really believe women are merely vessels for carrying children?

The "pro-life" movement would like to institute a law making abortions illegal for every girl and woman. They seek to impose their dogma upon everyone—even those who choose not to subscribe to their beliefs.

-Cathryn J. Prince



# Soviet Jews face discrimination

by Amy Kurtz  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Soviet activist Johnathan Feldstein said "there is no future for Jews in the Soviet Union" to approximately 45 people Tuesday in the Marvin Center as part of GW's Committee on Soviet Jewry's program on human rights in the Soviet Union.

Feldstein, who works at the Israeli information office in Atlanta, was nominated by ABC World News Tonight as "Person of the Week" for his work in aiding the Stein family of Moscow.

Feldstein's Princeton, N.J. youth group "adopted" the Stein family, he said, and he continued letter-writing and campaigning for their release from Russia when he entered Emory University.

"At the university I got the faculty and a mass amount of students involved with helping the *refusenik* family leave the anti-Semitism in Russia," Feldstein said. Petitions were signed, letters were written, monthly phone calls were made and the local media was saturated with news about the campus effort, he said.

Feldstein said he toured the Soviet Union while attending college and brought the Steins an Emory application for their daughter Kate. Because the Steins were Jewish, Kate could not enroll in the University of Moscow.

He continued to work for their release, and personally wrote 66 letters to Kate. Five and a half years later, however, Feldstein said he learned Kate only received eight of the letters. The other correspondence was proba-

bly intercepted by the KGB, he said.

Kate Stein was eventually accepted to Emory, and in November, 1987, Kate phoned Feldstein and told him she and her family had made it to the U.S, he said.

Americans were pleased with the number of Jews who were allowed to emigrate—19,000—in 1988, he said, as this was an increase due to *glasnost* and the Moscow summit. However, Feldstein said, "our *vision* was skewed."

In 1988, 300,000 Jews applied for emigration, he said, and "19,000 out of 300,000 is not a very good ratio." The standard should be raised so 52,000 Jews can emigrate each year, he said.

*Glasnost* is an attempt at good public relations by the Soviet Union, he said, adding, "I'm their bad P.R."

## Just say no abroad

by Jill Braunstein  
Hatchet Staff Writer

With Spring break fast approaching and the thoughts of many students turning to international travel, the U.S. Department of State has decided to issue a sobering warning about the use or possession of drugs in foreign countries.

In 1988, 2,500 American citizens were arrested abroad; more than 900 of those were held on charges of using or possessing drugs, according to the State Department report. "The global war on drugs is heating up and there are increased efforts by all countries to stop the flow of illegal narcotics," Bureau of Consular Affairs' Public Affairs Advisor Philip Covington said.

According to the report, some Americans assume there is no danger in buying or carrying a "small" amount of drugs overseas. However, the report stated, Americans have been arrested for possessing as little as a third of an ounce of marijuana in other countries.

The consequences of getting arrested overseas for drug involvement can be harsh. Some spend months in a foreign jail cell waiting

for a trial only to receive a severe prison sentence, while others may even face the death penalty in some countries.

"Some young Americans (who travel abroad) are wasting precious years of their lives because they lack knowledge of the risks inherent in using or possessing drugs while outside the United States," Covington said.

"Once an American leaves U.S. soil, U.S. laws and constitutional rights no longer apply," he said. "U.S. consular officers can visit jailed Americans to see that they are being fairly and humanely treated, but cannot get them out of jail nor intervene in a foreign country's legal system on their behalf."

Countries such as Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico have all imposed strict drug laws and mandatory sentences for even the possession of small amounts, according to Nyda Novodvorsky, spokesman for the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

"Getting involved with drugs overseas can do more than spoil a vacation, it can ruin one's life," Covington said.

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## Poet pokes fun at ordinary life

by Sharon K. Hughes  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Library of Congress' Poet Laureate Consultant Howard Nemerov presented a series of humorous poetry readings Monday on a variety of topics ranging from cats and dogs to war and old age.

Nemerov began his reading with poems centered around the weather, saying that, although it seemed a rather tedious subject, "the weather and the seasons are the two natural sources (from) which we get poetry."

In *The Unexpected Snow*, Nemerov pondered snowflakes and said, "Hopefully somebody, somewhere up there must be cutting these things ... (but) as much as you think about it, (you) know that is

not true."

He also discussed writing, telling of a poem he concluded with a story from Ann Landers. "You get more only out of Shakespeare," he said "(but) of course you read (Landers) a lot more."

Though he said the reading was not an academic class, he did not hesitate to advise students of poetry. He explained how, after debating whether or not to steal a line from English poet Rudyard Kipling's works, he discovered Kipling had gotten the line from the Bible. "Steal what you will," Nemerov said to aspiring young writers.

In another poem, Nemerov envisioned Adam and Eve in their old age, reading, "Upon getting out of bed one says 'Ouch,' the other

'What?,' the other one says 'I said OUCH!,' the other one says 'All right, you needn't shout.'"

In *Walking the Dog*, he described the experience of waiting for a dog to relieve itself in the bushes. "With dignity we both walk home, and just to show who's master I write the poem," he said.

Nemerov wrote about being a war pilot in another of his works. "For saving grace we didn't see our dead ... It was a clean war, the war in the air." He read poems about literature and his favorite English poets, concluding the presentation by responding to the commonly asked question, "What is your favorite poem?"

"They're all my children, even the squat, ugly and retarded ones."

## Ethics bill veto upheld: Senate override fails

by Rob Schildkraut  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW Student Association Senate failed in its attempt to override GWUSA President Raffi Terzian's veto of the Ethics Bill at Tuesday's Senate Meeting.

The Ethics Bill, co-sponsored by GWUSA Senators Delaine Swenson and Rob Bole, forbade GWUSA officers from unfairly participating in any GWUSA campaign or election except for his own candidacy. The bill prohibited the use of "prerogatives of office" to the benefit or detriment of one candidate over another.

"I am pleased that the Senate saw through the political motivation in the bill to sustain my veto," said Terzian, who vetoed the bill on Feb. 23, three weeks after it initially passed the Senate.

Columbian College Senator Chris Preble, a supporter of the bill, said the bill was beneficial because it would limit the power of the incumbent GWUSA President to influence student elections.

"(With the exception of this year), not in recent memory has a candidate officially endorsed by the (GWUSA President) lost a campus election," he said. "It is not intended to prohibit any member of (GWUSA) from voicing his or her support of individual candidates—this would clearly be an infringement upon their right to free speech. But the use of the prerogatives of office, (particularly) an office intended for the use of the entire student body, is entirely different."

Many of the senators said they support the basic premise of the bill but believe a more precise wording of the bill is necessary. Undergraduate Senator at-Large Gary Lesser said this Ethics Bill is not the best possible because "it is vague and ambiguous."

Swenson said he disagreed with Lesser's assessment of the bill. "When you set up an ethical provision you have to set up a broad base," he said. "I am very happy with how it is worded."

GWUSA Executive Vice President Jon Kessler said he was happy the veto was not overturned. During the meeting he said, "(The bill) does nothing more than harm the reputation of this body (the GWUSA senate)." Kessler also said the student body is intelligent enough to vote for who they believe is the best candidate, not necessarily for who any particular GWUSA official endorses.

The Senate also approved a bill to create a task force to study the Nunn-McCurdy National Service Proposal, which would require students applying for federal education loans and grants to complete some type of mandatory civil or military service after graduation.

The GWUSA bill created a seven-member task force—three members appointed by the current GWUSA President and three members elected by the Senate—to work with task force chairman Chuck Silverston, acting GWUSA vice president for lobbying and external affairs.

## Tourism is big \$\$ for Caribbean

by Mitchel Karp  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Wesley Kirton, advisor to the President of the Organization of Caribbean Businesspersons and editor-in-chief of *The Caribbean Sun*, discussed the importance of Caribbean tourism Monday in the Marvin Center.

In 1987 there were 9.6 million tourists and 5.6 million cruise-ship visitors to the Caribbean community, he said. "Tourism is an industry of major importance to most of the Caribbean ... the earnings from tourism far exceed that of other productive sectors."

In recent years, Kirton said, traditional Caribbean products such as sugar and agricultural goods have not sold at a high price due to both competition and a high exchange rate,

which makes Caribbean products more expensive. "More and more, tourism is becoming the only (economic) hope for some countries," he said, citing Antigua as an example of a Caribbean nation with very little industry but a booming tourist trade that has kept the economy growing.

The Caribbean Tourism Research and Development Center is "attempting to coordinate a tourism strategy for the Caribbean," Kirton said, adding that he agrees with the Center's prediction that Caribbean dependence on tourism will increase rather than decrease. He said tourism is unfortunately "still largely in the hands of the private sector," which is more interested in profit than in helping the islands develop.

"If we are going to be so dependent

on this industry, it needs to be much more coordinated with the government," he said.

Kirton cited the major development along beach fronts as an environmental problem the government should attempt to regulate.

"Caribbean governments seem to feel that for the tourism industry to thrive it must remain in the hands of the private sector, with little government supervision."

Among travelers, Kirton said, the opinion is "in terms of price and in terms of quality, tourism in the Caribbean is becoming more and more uncompetitive."

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XTC Oranges &amp; Lemons



## XTC's fruitful new *Lemons*

by Luca Lepori

There is something brilliant happening in XTC's new hour-long album *Oranges and Lemons*. If you can think of songs as places, then you might agree that these three Englishmen have carved out a very attractive niche in pop's rocky hemisphere.

"Life Begins at the Hop," "Generals and Majors," "Sgt. Rock" and "Senses Working Overtime" are a few of the band's previous releases that have fared well on college radio, but were not played on homogenized commercial radio stations. It's not surprising that these guys have not sold out; with the release of their controversial single "Dear God" two years ago, XTC proved that they could earn airplay on their own terms. Andy Partridge (guitar and vocals), Colin Moulding (bass and vocals) and Dave Gregory (guitar and keyboards) have been developing their own sophisticated blend of pop, reggae, jazz and rock and roll for over 10 years. They have become so good at it, in fact, that they have probably written more musical hooks than George Bush has collected penlights.

As the album's title suggests, there are two distinct flavors found floating around this collection of melodies—it is not hard to taste the difference between them. On the sour side, one finds Colin Moulding searching for relief from thinking too much in "Cynical Days," flavored with Mark Isham's cool, jazzy horns and his own melancholy bass. Andy Partridge can be a tremendous cynic himself. In "Across this Anthep," he sings, "The dough is rising but no bread will be baked/ The fur is genuine but the orgasm's faked/ We're spending millions to speak porpoise/ When human loneliness is still a deafening word."

Gosh, I guess Andy thinks mankind could use a dose of

realism and real priorities. "Here Comes President Kill Again" and "Scarecrow People" are pretty heavy tunes satirizing electoral folly and mass de-humanization. "Scarecrow People" entertains with some funky rhythm section work, but the danceable funk of "Poor Skeleton Steps Out" provides the freshest contrast to the other selections. A bit of social criticism in "King for a Day" simply attacks human greed and egoistic ambition. Of course, this world has more to offer than bitter fruit.

The album's first single, "Mayor of Simpleton," is a sweetly understated love song that demonstrates how simplicity works best sometimes. Things get better, also, with the joyous, sprightly bass of "Merely a Man," which reveals Andy Partridge's flair for exuberant optimism. It is always a pleasure when XTC wants to be festive, and the exotic, teeming sound of "The Garden of Earthly Delights" is a fine example of the band's upbeat, off-center talents. You will notice XTC is partial to peculiar perspectives and topics as its members leap from celebration to masturbation with the shameless "Pink Thing."

It's too bad XTC does not tour or play in concert; it would be great to hear "One of the Millions," "The Garden" or "Merely a Man" performed live. In any case, there is some sincere opinion and rational thought beneath *Oranges and Lemons'* intricate musical membrane. Lyrically, Andy Partridge and Colin Moulding strike a sharp contrast between the world's offerings of pleasure and its problems. In a yin-yang fashion, somehow, these extremes combine to form a dynamic, sensible balance. The tone of *Oranges and Lemons* as a whole is more down to earth than the lofty *Skylarking*. All this amounts to some good food for thought and a unique sound that gets better with time.

## FYC's spoiled new *Raw and Cooked*

by Ali Sacash

Fine Young Cannibals' latest album, *The Raw and the Cooked*, has all the proper ingredients for a great LP, but it didn't quite come out of the oven done right. It is a suave, contemporary pop album that lacks depth, leaving a taste that is bland and unappealing.

Fine Young Cannibals has had an impressive track record, which is why the new LP is a disappointment. The band, consisting of lead singer Roland Gift, guitarist Andy Cox and David Steele on bass and keyboards, formed when ex-English Beat members Cox and Steele found Gift, possessor of an unusual voice, singing in an R&B band at a London pub. With the release of their self-titled debut album and the hit single "Johnny Come Home" in 1985, the band gained critical acclaim and recognition in Great Britain.

Following a tour of the U.S., movie director Barry Levinson asked FYC to write four songs for his 1987 film *Tin Men*, in which the group also had a cameo as a soulful 60s bar-band. Taking a break for two years, the bandmembers concentrated on individual projects. Cox and Steele worked on the soundtrack for John Hughes' *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* and released some dance-funk singles, while Gift took on a major role in the British film *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*.

FYC started work on their latest creation last year, conjuring an album

face of musical depth. I think it's called light contemporary rock.

*The Raw and the Cooked* begins with the very, very pop-oriented song, "She Drives Me Crazy," the first single released for radio. It has a light, catchy beat with Gift's effeminate voice crooning innocently over the surface, combining amiably with the instrumentation. The rest of the album is a series of soulful blues and traditional beats reminiscent of the do-wah-diddy bands of the 50s, such as "I'm Not the Man" and "Tell Me What." Other tracks contain traces of jumpy ska or synthesized disco melodies, but nothing spectacular forms.

The music is light, mellow and pleasant. As the album goes on, however, the serenading and crooning become a little too much to bear. Gift's range is amazing, but for most of the album he sounds comparable to a choirboy serenading a sweetheart. In fact, most of the lyrics are sorrowfully romantic and mushy.

This dullness continues throughout the album until its closing track, the instantly impressive "Ever Fallen in Love," a cover of an old Buzzcocks tune. Although synthesized to the hilt, this delightfully trendy version makes for some good modern English pop. The song, however, is old FYC material, a song they made for the 1986 movie "Something Wild." Even though it's a classic hit for the band,



Fine Young Cannibals

with producer David Z (Prince, Sheila E., The Jets). Just look what they had to work with: the sweet R&B voice of Gift, the ska-reggae musical background of Cox and Steele and the producer of major contemporary soul hits. How could FYC lose? This could have been the pop-soul-funk album mainstream rock would absolutely devour. Instead it contains only two noticeable singles, and one of those is a re-release. The rest glides along unnoticeably, barely scratching the sur-

face of musical depth.

*The Raw and the Cooked's* perfectly styled mainstream trendiness will jump into and fade out of the music scene. Its light, nonchalant melodies are reminiscent of contemporary background music. You'd think this album would have had it all. Instead it has just a pinch of soul, a teaspoon of ska, a tad of R&B and a lot of empty space that leaves the listener with unaffected taste buds. Better dining next time, FYC.



# Arts and Music

## Skin Deep: Blake Edwards' new fleshless retread

by Chad M. Miller

Blake Edwards' films tend to range from the stingingly satirical to the utterly inept, from sheer stupidity to gut-wrenching hilarity. His films either fly, as in *10* and *The Man Who Loved Women*, or flop, a fact to which *Blind Date* and *Sunset* can attest. *Blind Date* won a dubious honor from me: it became the first movie I ever deliberately walked out of. And though Edwards' latest release, *Skin Deep*, is not that bad, I was seriously contemplating doing the same thing during the first 20 minutes.

*Skin Deep* is about a man named Zach (John Ritter) who drinks too much and thinks with his groin. It's difficult to believe this guy is rich, but it's even harder to believe Zach makes all his money writing books, and it's nearly impossible to believe he will ever straighten himself out. Ritter, the same guy who for eight seasons was best known to America as the luckless bachelor Jack Tripper on the TV

sitcom "Three's Company," finds himself in a somewhat luckier role here. During the course of this dragging two-and-a-half-hour film, his character manages to undress and

score with at least five beautiful women.

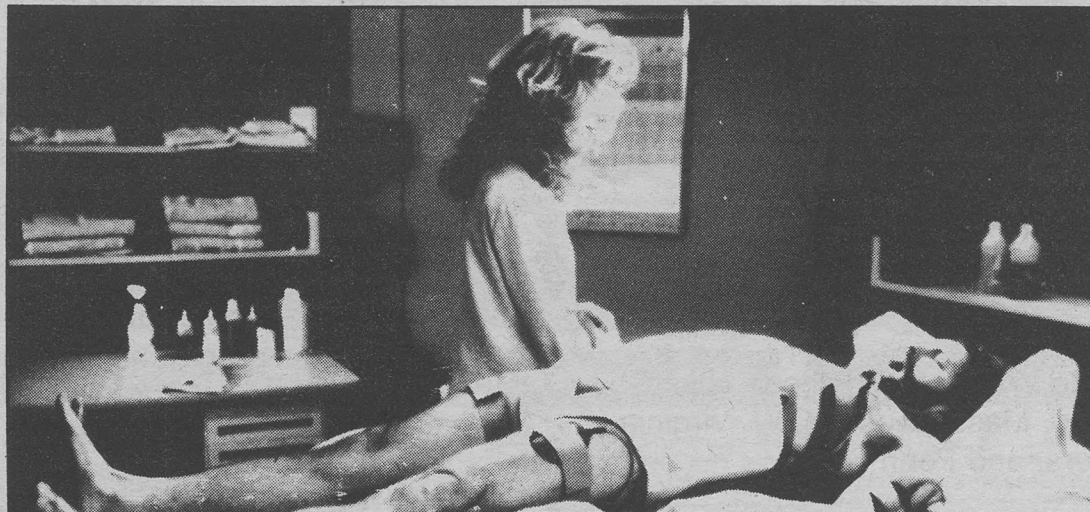
Nevertheless, the film's major problems do not lie with its awkward characterizations, but rather with its

choppy plot and bafflingly unprofessional camera direction. From the very opening scenes, even the most disinterested viewer should notice that the cameraman seems reluctant to get

intimate with the actors, leaving one with a sense of being left out. Therefore the first 20 minutes or so turn out to be a real bore.

When the first truly funny scene finally takes place, there exists some sort of motivation to hang around for the next chuckle. A loosely connected string of slapstick scenes, some of which work, slowly builds up to a comedic climax, a visual gag, which, perhaps due to the idiocy of the film up to this point, seems unbearably funny. It comes as a relief to find that Mr. Edwards knows how to end a great joke before it loses its magic, or in this case, its glow.

*Skin Deep* is an obvious reworking and combination of his earlier films, namely *The Man Who Loved Women* and *10*. Unfortunately for the audience, this isn't anywhere near as cohesive or enjoyable. Although *Skin Deep* isn't exactly a winner for Blake Edwards, it isn't a total flop. It merely coasts.



Julianne Phillips (l.) dominating John Ritter in 'Skin Deep'

## GW's Fast and Easy speeds up at Rat, speaks out

by Larry Helm

The most innovative and successful move made by anyone even remotely connected with planning events at GW has been Rathskeller Manager John Purifoy's idea of hiring live bands to play at the Rat. Friday, GW band Fast and Easy, along with special guest The Hell Hounds, turned in a great performance.

Fast and Easy consists of drummer Mike Licker, singer John Lawson, lead guitarist Dave Ozarek, bassist Rob Cash and guitarist Phil Nicozisis. They were formed last year at Kitchen Aid with a slightly different line-up, and before the Rat gig they had mainly played fraternity parties and such, so this was their most important gig to date.

In a recent interview, Licker outlined how a Fast and Easy show would typically go: "We play a lot of Zeppelin and early Van Halen-oriented stuff ... all the songs are fast and easy to play, that's where we get our name from."

Their set included some typically heavy

classic rock covers, such as "Born to be Wild," "Wild Thing," "Come Together" and "You Really Got Me." What was unusual in terms of song choice were tunes such as "Helter Skelter," the band's opening number, which got a great response from the crowd. "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Tush" and "Brown Sugar" are not as rare, but are also good crowd movers.

Several bands which have appeared in this column have prided themselves on original songs and the direction in which they are taking music. Licker has no such pretensions: "It's fun—we don't take ourselves too seriously. It's good fun rock and roll ... we have the typical lead singer front man, the poser guitarists going wild, that kind of thing."

Fast and Easy's "attitude" is what really gives their show its particular flavor; off-stage a logarithmically inflated ego can get in the way, but on-stage it can make you a much better guitarist to watch and listen to. This is

certainly the case with this band, and they are certainly a lot of fun to listen to.

Fast and Easy also has a great deal of talent. Singer John Lawson has a tremendous range; Led Zeppelin is almost impossible to do without a decent vocalist, and the two Zep medleys F&E put together flow well mainly because of Lawson. "Dream On" is another tough tune to pull off vocally, and again Lawson does a fine job. Lead guitarist Dave Ozarek does not stun you with fancy amp tricks or intricate Hendrix-ian fingering, but nonetheless quietly smokes his way through solos and lays down a nasty rhythm which no one can help but get into. His playing really comes out on the Zep medleys and "Sweet Child o' Mine." Ozarek is particularly adept at keeping pace with the funky experiments in which the band engages, such as "Play That Funky Music, White Boy" and "Super Freak." The latter was probably the most enjoyable part of the performance.

In comparison to the other GW bands he

plays in, Purple Kind and Great Red Shark, Licker describes Fast and Easy as "more along my roots of just thrashing around" rather than providing an interlacing of percussion tracks. His playing drives Fast and Easy along, as any decent drumming will, and while he does not twirl sticks or such, he is an integral part of their stage presence.

"Playing at the Rat is the best time I ever had at GW," Licker said. "John (Purifoy) is great. The Purifoy Plan is a great way to get students together. The school should get behind bands; this is the real way to unify this campus, not through basketball or any of the stupid events planned by the Program Board, but through music."

Licker's sentiments are echoed by the hundreds of students who crowd into the Rat and area bars to see local bands play.

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## Briefs

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Castleberry is not concerned with GW's record, which will not be perfect when the Colonials return. "If we come back 4-8, that would not be all that bad," he said.

**On Deck**—The Colonials play at

Nicholls State and Southwestern Louisiana on March 11. March 12, they play at New Orleans. The team plays Tulane and has a rematch against New Orleans March 13 and is at LSU on March 14. March 15, they are at Mississippi State and March 16 they are at Auburn Montgomery. The Colonials will be at Wake Forest on March 18 to play Hartford and the Demon Deacons.

## Tumblers

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GW sophomore Lisa Geczik tied for meet-high honors in the uneven parallel bars, earning a 9.3. Geczik finished third in the all-around with a 36.3 score.

In addition to the top seven teams, the top seven women in all-around competition will be invited to Regionals. If the Colonial women do not go to Regionals as a team, they will still be represented by Plaskett and fellow rookie Angela Sarno and Geczik. Plaskett is presently seeded second in the region, while Geczik, who went to Regionals last year, and Sarno will both qualify.

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# Sports

## Women lose A-10 quarterfinal

The GW women's basketball team played its final game of the season yesterday, losing to Temple, 78-51, in the Quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament at McGonigle Hall in Philadelphia.

The Colonial women finish the season with a 9-19 record, 7-12 in the Atlantic 10.

The Lady Owls (20-8), who got 17 points each from senior forward Pam Balugh and senior guard Karen Healey, started the game with a 18-2 run in the first 8:46. During the stretch, the Colonial women (19-9) turned the ball over eight times.

Junior guard Karin Vadelund led GW with 20 points. Senior center Tracey Earley added nine points for GW. Earley finished her career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,599 points.

-David Weber

## Gymnasts sink Navy in final

by David Weber  
Asst. Sports Editor

The GW gymnastics team won its final regular season meet, 180.6 to 170.7, at Navy yesterday. The Colonial women finished the regular season with a 16-15 record. GW's next meet is March 18 in the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament.

Currently, the Colonial women are tied for the seventh seed in the Southeastern Region with UNC Charlotte and William and Mary. The top seven teams in the region will compete in the NCAA Regionals on April 1. GW head coach Margie Cunningham said the Colonial women's performance at the A-10 Tournament will be the key to GW finishing in the top seven.

Cunningham said the Colonial women's tough schedule (all of their opponents are among the top 35 teams in the country) has benefited the team. "We've grown, from a 152 (team average) four years ago, to this year's 180.35 score," she said. "I'm never really satisfied, but I am very pleased (with this year's squad)."

Yesterday, GW beat Navy in all four team events by an average of 2.475 points. The biggest margin of victory was in the floor exercise, with the Colonial women winning by 3.4 points.

In the balance beam event, freshmen Nancy Plaskett broke a school record, scoring a 9.5. Plaskett set another GW record with a 9.45 on the floor exercise. Her score of 9.25 on the vault and 9.2 on the uneven bars, combined with her two record-setting scores, gave Plaskett a score of 37.4, another school record and first place in the meet.

(See TUMBLERS, p.10)

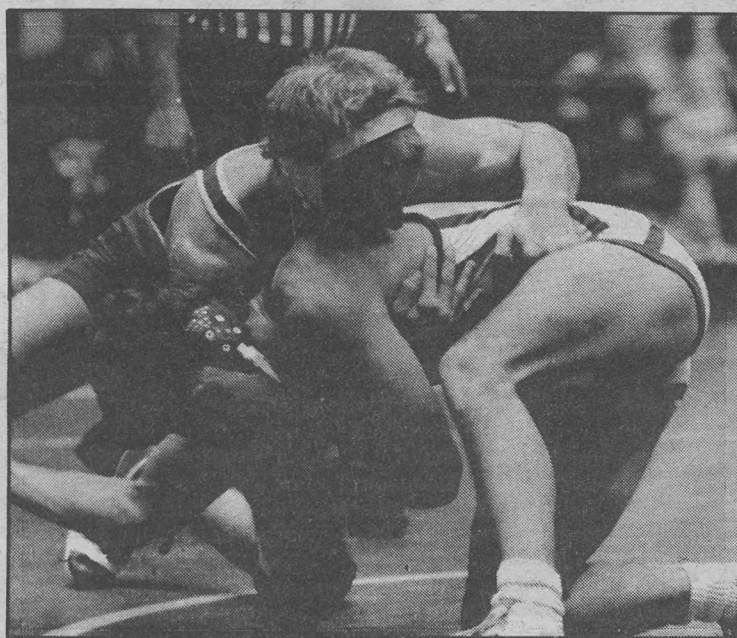


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JOE MANNIX (top) will be the last GW Colonial wrestler.

## GW's swan song: Mannix in finals

by Richard J. Zack  
Sports Editor

Not since All-American Wade Hughes, who wrestled at GW in the mid-1980s, has there been a wrestler who has been able to win with the consistency of 158-pounder Joe Mannix. The senior has easily won over 100 matches in his four years wearing a Colonial singlet, only the sixth grappler in school history to accomplish that feat.

After finishing third in the Eastern Regional Wrestling Tournament last weekend, Mannix earned a wild-card selection and will head to the Nationals at Oklahoma City, Ok., March 16-18. At Easterns, his weight class was one of the strongest it has ever been, as three competitors from the category (the winner plus two wild-cards) were selected to go to the NCAA's.

Mannix has had his sights set on becoming an All-American, someone who finishes in the top eight in the national tournament in each weight class, since he barely missed qualifying for the tournament his sophomore year. He decided to redshirt the season in 1987-88, and was able to recover from a shoulder injury that had plagued him from the beginning of the season.

He nearly lost his chance to sit out and heal his injury when it was determined that his traveling to the West Virginia Open with the team as an independent was in violation of guidelines for redshirting.

He was able to gain the status after receiving a medical redshirt. Mannix could be GW's only other All-American, besides Hughes, who holds the NCAA record for most wins in a season (55) and in a career (177).

"It's been a goal for a long time. I missed (qualifying for Nationals) by a point in overtime my sophomore year," Mannix said. "Junior year, I lost by criteria. It seems like I just had a streak of bad luck."

According to GW head coach Jim Rota, Mannix is a part of a strong wrestling tradition. Both the champion and the runner-up of the Eastern Wrestling League, one of the strongest in the country, have been victims of Mannix's.

"I'm not going to say that he's going to go in there and win five matches and win the national championship," Rota said. "He's certainly capable of winning some matches and becoming an All-American."

Rota, in his 12th year, has managed winning seasons in two of the last three years, due in part to the performance of Mannix. The season that Mannix sat out was a losing one for the Colonials.

Looking ahead to Oklahoma City, Mannix will face the cream of the crop; wrestlers from national powers Oklahoma State, Arizona State and Iowa State—all perennial powers—will be there. This season Mannix, who was ranked as high as 16th in the preseason, has faced several nationally ranked wrestlers, but has won most of his matches easily.

"It doesn't really help you (defeating opponents easily), but we went to some excellent tournaments," Mannix said. "It helps to perfect your technique."

Rota rates Mannix, who is second on the all-time win list at GW, along with the best he has coached. "They're all highly-motivated and intense," Rota said. "They're single-minded in what they want to try and accomplish. (Mannix) fits into that kind of mold."

Despite going to the national tournament for the first time, Mannix said he is not intimidated, nor is he satisfied with just making it there. He is confident he can reach his goal of finishing in the top eight. Although he is not counting out a National Championship, he said his most realistic finish would be in the top five.

## Athletic department axes 2 winning teams

### Coaches, wrestlers 'bitter' about decision

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The GW wrestling team has been cancelled by the athletic department for the 1989-90 season as a part of a re-evaluation and restructuring of the department, according to Director of Athletics Steve Bilsky. Scholarships of affected athletes will be honored, Bilsky said.

The badminton team, which just returned from a national championship tournament, has also been cancelled.

The decision was made two weeks ago, but wrestling team members were told only yesterday by head coach Jim Rota, who learned from Bilsky Tuesday that he was out of a job.

"I mean it's just something I've been doing for 12 years now with a moderate degree of success," Rota said. "It seems ironic that wrestling and badminton (both of which have sent or will be sending players to nationals) are the teams being cancelled."

According to Rota, the reasons cited were costs, use of the Smith Center and use of the training staff that could be put to use for other teams. The change comes at a time when senior 158-pound wrestler Joe Mannix is preparing to go to the Nationals in Oklahoma City, Ok., March 16-18.

"It won't affect Joe directly, but he doesn't need this kind of distraction," Rota said.

Junior standout Karl Tamai, who

went 30-8-1 this season, and the other wrestlers will be able to transfer without having to sit out a year.

Rota, who is also the head golf coach, said he did not know whether he would be back next year. Bilsky said he would talk to Rota later this year about staying on in that capacity, but added that Rota was extremely upset.

Members of the team said they felt they had been "kept in the dark" about the decision, because they were not told of the decision immediately. Bilsky countered by saying that the team was not told because it was competing in the regional tournament and he did not want to affect the wrestler's performances.

"The whole team's very upset. They didn't even give our coach an idea what was going on," junior Sean Huyer said. "Some of the problems they told us about could have been resolved. They made up their minds a couple of weeks ago and didn't let us in on it."

Bilsky said a men's and women's cross country track team will be added for the 1990-91 season in an effort to beef up GW's standing in the Atlantic 10 Conference. He added that the cut was made because neither wrestling nor badminton has a conference affiliation and that wrestling is "not a growing sport on the collegiate level."

"There are some individuals who will get hurt," Bilsky said. "It's almost inevitable."

## Sports briefs

### Badminton

The GW women's badminton team finished third in the nation with 18.5 points, behind Arizona State (43) and UC Davis (21), at the Badminton Collegiate Nationals held in Berkeley last weekend. In the overall team score, GW, which does not have an official men's team, finished fourth behind ASU, San Jose State and Davis.

Freshman Heather Johnson was GW's most successful player at Nationals, just as she was at Eastern Regionals, where she won three titles. At Nationals, Johnson and sophomore Donna Wagner reached the quarterfinals of the women's doubles division, where they lost, 15-12 and 15-6, to the team from California Heyward.

Johnson won the women's singles championship in the second flight division.

Teaming with player-coach and GW sophomore Salim Podiono, the only male on GW's team, Johnson advanced to the quarterfinals of the mixed doubles competition, where they lost, 15-10 and 15-8, to the number-one seeded team from Arizona State.

Senior Pam Errett, juniors Lisa Schoffel, Sonya Tourmoen and Terri Jakabowski, sophomore Kelli Stam

and freshman Elizabeth Paup make up the rest of a squad that went 5-0 this season. "It's the most successful season we've had, and the best efforts of the team ever," GW head coach Donald Paup said. Paup will only lose Errett from this year's team.

### Baseball

The boys of summer are still grounded by old man winter.

The GW baseball team had two more games cancelled, bringing the total of postponements to 10 out of the first 12 games scheduled. Tuesday's game at Howard and yesterday's contest at Maryland were both called on account of the recent snow and ice storms.

The Colonials (2-0) leave today for a nine-city, 10-game road trip. GW is scheduled to face some of the best teams in the South on the trip. On March 14, the Colonials will play Louisiana State, ranked number one in preseason polls.

GW head coach John Castleberry said the Colonials would rather play than practice, but they still feel good about their chances against the strong teams. "They (the southern opponents) have already played 14, 15 games," Castleberry said. "We've played two."

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